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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS IN TANZANIA

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1. CHARGE HAD OPPORTUNITY MAY 23 TO MENTION TO FOREIGN MINISTER MKAPA IN COURSE OF DISCUSSING OTHER MATTERS USG APPRECIATION OF RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIONS BY TANGOV. MKAPA WAS PLEASED THAT THESE ACTIONS HAD BEEN NOTICED. HE WAS, HOWEVER, CRITICAL THAT THEY APPARENTLY HAD BEEN IGNORED BY US MEDIA, SAYING HE WAS IN NEW YORK WHEN TANGOV RELEASED ZANZIBAR COUP PLOTTERS BUT FOUND NOT ONE MENTION OF IT IN AMERICAN PAPERS. MKAPA SAID TANGOV HAD TO TAKE INITIATIVE WITH "OUR FRIENDS" TO GET MATTER MENTIONED IN CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING COPIES OF ANY US PRESS COVERAGE ON SUBJECT.

2. RE PARA 3 REFTTEL, EMBASSY REMAINS UNABLE TO OBTAIN SOLID INFORMATION ON NUMBERS OF TANZANIAN AND FOREIGN AFRICAN POLITICAL DETAINEES. AN AMERICAN WHO RECENTLY SPENT OVER A YEAR IN THE TANZANIAN PENAL SYSTEM AT TWO MAJOR PRISONS HAD HEARD ALLEGATIONS THAT MAYBE UP TO 5,000 PEOPLE ARE BEING HELD IN PREVENTIVE DETENTION FOR ONE YEAR OR MORE, ABOUT 2,000 OF THESE BEING NON-TANZANIAN AFRICANS. WE ARE UNABLE TO ESTIMATE AT PRESENT HOW MANY HAVE BEEN DETAINED FOR POLITICAL
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